

**MINUTES OF THE EAST GREENWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEETING**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

Hanaford School Cafeteria

200 Middle Road

East Greenwich, RI 02818

**ANY ITEMS CONSIDERED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MAY BE
SUBJECT TO A**

VOTE

7:00p.m.

Call to Order

The second September School Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. in the Hanaford School Cafeteria. Members present were: Sue Cienki, Chair, Skip Day, Vice-Chair, MaryEllen Winters, Merrill Friedemann, JeanAnn Guliano, and Susan Records as well as Special Education Director, Paula Dillon, and Director of Administration, Maryanne Crawford. Mrs. Palumbo was absent.

2. Public Comments-There were no public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes – September 2, 2008 meeting

On a motion made by Mr. Day and seconded by Mrs. Guliano, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2008 meeting.

4. New Business

4.1 Retirement

4.1.1 On a motion made by Mr. Day and seconded by Mrs. Winters,

the Committee voted unanimously to accept the retirement of Joan Sousa, Principal at George R. Hanaford Elementary School, effective September 27, 2008 after 21 years of service. Her many years of service were noted and it was stated that she is a wonderful principal.

4.2 Resignations

4.2.1 On a motion made by Mrs. Guliano and seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Kelli Baro, Paraprofessional at Frenchtown School, effective 8-27-08.

4.3 Appointments

4.3.1 Kathleen Palmeiro, 1.0 Office Assistant Paraprofessional at Archie Cole Middle School, effective August 27, 2008. Mrs. Guliano made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Day to table item 4.3.1. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Winters made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Day to approve the appointments 4.3.2 through 4.3.6. The motion passed unanimously.

4.3.2 Marissa Dyer, paraprofessional at Frenchtown, effective 8-27-08

4.3.3 Jeanne-Marie Vaughn, 1.0 School/Nurse Teacher at Cole Middle School, effective 8-27-08, for one year only

4.3.4 Rob Petrucci, 0.1 Acting Teacher at East Greenwich High School, for one year only

4.3.5 Erin Rath, 0.5 School Based Coordinator, at East Greenwich High School, for one year only

4.3.6 Joan Brown, K-3 Special Educator at Meadowbrook Farms School, effective 9-8-08, for one year only

COACHES

Mr. Day made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Guliano to approve the following coaching appointments: The motion passed unanimously.

4.3.7 Wayne Turner, Girls' Tennis at EGHS for the fall season, contingent upon obtaining a background check and RI Coaching certificate

4.3.8 Joseph Szymkowicz, Head Boys' Soccer at Cole Middle School for fall

4.3.9 Stephanie Gloria, Head Girls' Soccer at Cole Middle School, for fall

4.3.10 Stanley Johnson, Head Co-ed Cross Country at Cole for fall

5. Presentation of Social Studies Curriculum

Mr. Timothy McPartlin, the Social Studies Department Head, presented the Social Studies Curriculum for grades 9-12. He noted that K-6 curriculum has four or five meetings scheduled this year. He noted that a lot of work was put into this and it was well thought out. Mrs. Guliano made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Winters to approve this curriculum. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Aramark Contract

This contract is for one year, renewable for 4 periods of one year each, and was reviewed by legal counsel, Matthew Oliverio. We now need to send it to the Department of Education so they can approve

it. There was some concern by students about the food tasting different at the high school. Mrs. Winters made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Day to approve the Aramark contract. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Cienki will survey students about the high school lunch issue.

7. Out-of-State Field Trips for Cole Middle School and East Greenwich High School.

Mr. Day made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Winters to approve the field trip to Connecticut for the high school and to the Berkshires for Cole. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Out-of-Country Trip to Italy for EGHS

On a motion made by Mrs. Guliano and seconded by Mrs. Records, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the high school trip to Italy. It was mentioned that a ratio of 1 to 6 chaperones is needed for insurance purposes.

9. Home School Request

Mr. Day made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Guliano to approve the home school request for Isaac Pontarelli for grade 5. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment

Mr. Day made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Winters to recycle obsolete textbooks at Cole. The motion passed unanimously.

11. School Committee Concerns

Mrs. Guliano feels we should discuss the West Bay Community Health situation regarding health insurance.

Mrs. Cienki stated that the teachers' contract will be on the website.

Mrs. Cienki also feels we should get input from students on how they feel about particular courses.

12. On a motion made by Mr. Day and seconded by Mrs. Records, the Committee, being polled individually, voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 7:20p.m. under R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a) (1) (2) Custodian and Secretary/Paraprofessional Contract Negotiations, Hearing Officer Decision (Rocheport), Board of Regents Decision (Jane Doe)

Respectfully submitted,

**Virginia Giuliani
Secretary**